

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An insert for a container having a knit line on the container body, a neck
2 defining an opening in the body and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck, the
3 insert comprising:

4 an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining
5 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge and a lower edge, with the
6 upper edge including an annular lip extending radially outward to prevent the insert from
7 being pushed to far into or through the neck ;

8 an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and

9 a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to
10 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout,

11 wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first radius and a second
12 portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius with
13 the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is threaded
14 onto the neck.

1 2. The insert of claim 1, including a tooth extending from the lip and configured
2 to insert into a notch defined by the neck of the container.

1 3. The insert of claim 2, wherein the tooth is a spaced distance from the outer
2 wall of the insert.

1 4. The insert of claim 1, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density
2 polyethylene.

1 5. The insert of claim 1, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

1 6. The insert of claim 1, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1 7. The insert of claim 6, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1 8. The insert of claim 1, wherein the spout includes at least one straight upper
2 edge.

1 9. An insert for a container having a body defining a volume, a neck defining an
2 opening in the body and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck, the insert
3 comprising:

4 an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining
5 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge including a lip extending
6 radially outward from the upper edge to prevent the insert from being pushed to far into or
7 through the neck and a lower edge, with the lip including one of a tooth and notch configured
8 to engage one of the notch and tooth formed in the neck;

9 an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and

10 a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to
11 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout, wherein the tooth/notch combination
12 inhibits rotation of the insert in the opening and aligns the insert in a preselected orientation.

1 10. The insert of claim 9, wherein the tooth and notch are positioned to index the
2 alignment of the spout in relationship to the body of the container.

1 11. The insert of claim 9, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density
2 polyethylene.

1 12. The insert of claim 9, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

3 13. The insert of claim 9, wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first
4 radius and a second portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the
5 second radius with the first portion forming a seal with the neck at a knit line of the container
6 when the cover is threaded onto the neck.

1 14. The insert of claim 9, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1 15. The insert of claim 14, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1 16. The insert of claim 9, wherein the spout includes at least one straight upper
2 edge.

1 17. A container having a knit line, the container comprising:

2 a body defining a partially enclosed volume having an access opening defined
3 by a neck, the neck defining a notch; and
4 an insert coupled to the neck, the insert comprising:
5 an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining
6 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge and a lower edge, with the
7 upper edge including an annular lip extending radially outward to prevent the insert from
8 being pushed to far into or through the neck ;
9 a tooth extending from the lip and configured to insert into the notch defined
10 by the neck of the container;
11 an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and
12 a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to
13 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout,
14 wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first radius and a second
15 portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius with
16 the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is threaded
17 onto the neck.

1 18. The container of claim 17, wherein the tooth is a spaced distance from the
2 outer wall of the insert.

1 19. The container of claim 17, wherein the insert is composed of linear low
2 density polyethylene.

1 20. The container of claim 17, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

1 21. The container of claim 17, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1 22. The container of claim 21, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1 23. The container of claim 17, wherein the spout includes at least one straight
2 upper edge.

1 24. The container of claim 17, wherein the container is configured to contain
2 paint.

1 25. A method for aligning and sealing a container having a knit line, a neck
2 defining an opening in the container, and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck,
3 the method comprising the steps of :

4 providing an insert having an annular lip extending radially outward;
5 configuring the insert to fit within the opening of the container;
6 configuring the annular lip with a first portion having a first radius and a
7 second portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second
8 radius with the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is
9 threaded onto the neck;

10 providing a tooth on the annular lip; and
11 configuring the tooth to insert into a notch defined in the neck, wherein the
12 tooth/notch combination aligns the first portion of the insert with the knit line of the
13 container.

1 26. The method of claim 25, including the step of configuring the insert to define
2 a spout.

1 27. The method of claim 25, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density
2 polyethylene.

1 28. The method of claim 25, wherein the container is configured to contain paint.